

In re: Bowden, et al.
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REMARKS

This is in response to the telephone conference between Examiner P. Mertz and Mr. Kenneth Sibley of July 14, 2004, during which it was indicated that allowance of this case could be expedited if the original claims were canceled and new claims along the lines of claim 4 were presented. This is further responsive to the telephone conference between Examiner P. Mertz and Dr. Mary Miller of July 15, 2004, during which specific language to be included in the new claims was requested by the Examiner.

Applicants provide herein new claims 37-42 pursuant to the Examiner's requests. Claim 37 corresponds to prior claim 4, in independent form. Claims 38-42 correspond to prior claims 5-9, except that they now depend from claim 37.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims presented above should be allowed, and that this case should be passed to allowance.

It is not believed that an extension of time and/or additional fee(s), including fees for additional claims, are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. In the event, however, that an extension of time is necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such an extension is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Any additional fees believed to be due in connection with this paper may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

Respectfully submitted,

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